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- 1. FIGURES ON G30S/PKI DETAINEES EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED WERE OBTAINED FROM AUTHORITATIVE AND RELIABLE GOI SOURCE BY DINT OF PERSISTENT INQUIRY ON OUR PART. WE BELIEVE THAT GOI IS KEEPING REASONABLY CLOSE TABS ON CURRENT NUMBER OF DETAINEES.
- 2. IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL JAILS AND OTHER PLACES OF OFFICIAL DETENTION SCATTERED THROUGHOUT INDONESIA. IT IS ALSO TRUE, CONFIRMED BY RED CROSS REPORTS ON INSPECTION OF 7108 DETAINEES IN 26 LOCATIONS IN 1974, THAT A NUMBER OF THE 1965 COUP ATTEMPT DETAINEES ARE HELD IN JAILS WHICH ALSO CONTAIN SOME CRIMINAL PRISONERS. INDONESIANS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED BOTH FACTS TO US AND HAVE INSISTED THOSE IN CLASS A AND B CATEGORIES IN NORMAL JAILS ARE INCLUDED IN 30.000 FIGURE.
- 3. WE HAVE IN OUR DIALOGUE WITH GOI ASKED PREVIOUSLY ABOUT AI FIGURE. THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY SAID FIGURE IS HIGHLY INFLATED AND HAVE STUCK WITH 30,000 TOTAL. WE, OF COURSE, DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY GOI FIGURES LOW, BUT DOUBT CONFIDENTIAL

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